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Sea Festival 2006

Port Sponsorship Helps Revive Long Beach's July 4th Fireworks Display

The Long Beach Sea Festival is back and better than ever, thanks in part to the Port of Long Beach, a new official sponsor.



"The annual 4th of July Long Beach fireworks display and the Municipal Band are two of Long Beach's most popular traditions," said Doris Topsy-Elvord, Harbor Commission President. "The Port is very proud to help bring these and other Sea Festival events to the Long Beach community this year."

This summer's expanded 2006 Sea Festival will feature:

- Long Beach 4th of July Fireworks Display
- Summer Concerts in the Park featuring the Long Beach Municipal Band
- Pine Avenue Children's Carnival
- Entertainment Festival at Rainbow Lagoon
- Sand Castle Building Competition in Belmont Shore
- Tall Ship and Wooden Boat Festival
- Swimming and Sailing Events, and more, much more!

Additional information about Sea Festival events will be available throughout the summer at www.longbeach.gov and at www.polb.com.

Save The Date . . .

Budget Summit 2006

On Saturday, July 8, join your neighbors, elected leaders, and City officials to preview the Fiscal Year 2007 Proposed Budget at the fourth annual Citywide Budget Summit. Please come and provide your comments as you learn how the City will address the remaining \$10 million General Fund structural deficit and make critical investments in our public safety, neighborhood services, transportation infrastructure and other City programs. In June, visit www.longbeach.gov for more detailed information.

Plan in Advance for 4th of July

There's nothing cool, or legal, about fireworks in Long Beach. All fireworks are dangerous. All fireworks, including those labeled safe and sane, are illegal in Long Beach. Please view fireworks in a safe manner by attending one of several dazzling professional fireworks displays held in the area. Later this summer, check your local newspapers or www.longbeach.gov for information on local displays.

2 Vote Tuesday . . .

Vote Twice on June 6

Long Beach voters will vote twice on **2 Vote Tuesday**, June 6. On that day, at one polling place, residents will vote on two different ballots: one for State and County candidates and issues, and a second one for City candidates. Voters will visit two sign-in tables at the same polling place, and will use different voting systems to cast their ballots. Absentee voters will need to vote and send in two ballots, one for the City and another for the County and State. For more information, please visit www.2votetuesday.com.

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Stay Safe - Proposition 65 Reminder

The State of California's Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, protects California residents and the State's drinking water sources from substances known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. It also warns residents about exposure to such substances.

The Long Beach Gas and Oil Department (LBGO) would like to help residents and businesses minimize exposure to substances on the State's list as it relates to LBGO services. Here are some things residents should watch for:

■ Natural Gas Appliances

Natural gas contains small amounts of substances that are on the State's list. LBGO will inspect and adjust the pilot lights on your natural gas appliances and equipment, and show you how to use and maintain your appliances correctly and efficiently. If you have questions about the safe operation of your natural gas appliances, please call 570.5700.

■ Natural Gas Leaks

If you are near a natural gas leak, exposure to these substances is

possible. If you smell a very strong odor of natural gas, leave the area. From a safe distance, call LBGO immediately at 570.2140 to report the odor and location.

■ Natural Gas Combustion

Combustion, including burning natural gas, produces substances on the State's list. To minimize the potential for possible exposure, always operate natural gas equipment according to manufacturer's instruction.

■ Facilities and Work Sites

Some equipment and materials, such as paint, welding rods, and gasoline, used by LBGO at certain work sites throughout Long Beach and Signal Hill, contain substances on the State's list. LBGO handles these items cautiously and in accordance with applicable safety standards. Nonetheless, exposure to substances on the State's list, including tobacco smoke, is possible at any of these work sites.

For additional information, visit www.lbgo.org. Esta información está disponible en Español en www.lbgo.org. For a complete State Proposition 65 list, visit OEHHA at www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65.html.

IN THE NEWS...

Long Beach Municipal Band Gala

Support the Long Beach Municipal Band by attending its first annual Inaugural Gala on Saturday, June 17. This memorable evening will help to ensure the future of the band, and start its summer concert season with a special evening of fun, food and entertainment.

The reception will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center, Grand Ballroom, at 7:00 p.m., followed by a silent auction, concert and dance. Tickets are \$50 until May 19, and \$60 thereafter. For reservations, visit www.lbarks.org or call 570.1743.

Juneteenth 2006

Celebrate with your family at this year's Juneteenth Celebration! The 10th annual festival will be held on Saturday, June 17, from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Ave. The event will feature gospel performers; traditional soul food, merchandise and craft vendors; information booths; and a health and safety fair. There will also be carnival games and a petting zoo for the kids. Bring family and friends! Visit www.lbarks.org for details or call 570.4405.

Join the Summer Reading Club!

Did you know that the more children read, the better they do in school? It's true, and the Long Beach Public Library's Summer Reading Club - *Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales* - is a fun way to keep your children reading. All Long Beach libraries offer a great selection of books. In addition, the Summer Reading Club provides prizes and special performances by magicians, jugglers, and more! Sign-ups begin on June 17. Contact your neighborhood library for more information and open hours, or call 570.6220.

BE IN THE KNOW: Personal Preparedness

Long Beach residents are encouraged to prepare for five days of self-reliance in the event of a citywide disaster. Prepare for any emergency by becoming informed and taking action to become self-reliant. Visit www.longbeach.gov for details.



litterfreeLB tip #1

**Keep a litter bag
in your car**

**Treat Long Beach
like your living room.**

Visit www.litterfreeLB.org to submit a litter-free tip.
Long Beach: we like it litter free.

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